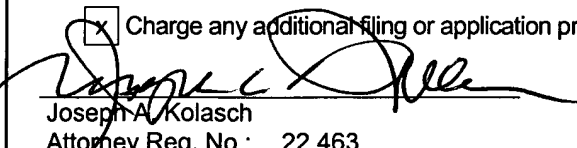




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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated April 14, 2005, the response to which has been extended to August 14, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.